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LIMA FOR THE US DELEGATION TO UNIDO II

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1. SUMMARY: THE EC COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS HAS APPROVED THE GENERAL OUTLINES OF THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSED POSITION FOR UNIDO II. THE COMMUNITY WILL COORDINATE ITS POSITION ON SPECIFICS DURING THE CONFERENCE. COMMISSION SOURCES INDICATE THAT BASED ON RECENT INFORMATION THEY FEEL THERE IS SOME HOPE THAT MODERATE VOICES AMONG THE LDC DELEGATIONS MAY BE HEARD. COMMISSION SOURCES SAY THE COMMUNITY INTENDS TO APPROACH UNIDO II IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT,
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ACCEPTING THE G-77 TEXT AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION, SEEKING

TO WORK FOR GROUP B SOLIDARITY BUT NOTING THAT THE EC'S PROPOSED POSITION MAY GO FURTHER TOWARD THE G-77 THAN THAT OF THE US. END SUMMARY.

2. OVERALL GUIDANCE. AS REPORTED REFTEL A, THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS (MARCH 3-4) DISCUSSED THE EC'S APPROACH TO THE FORTHCOMING UNIDO II CONFERENCE IN LIMA. DISCUSSION WAS LIMITED, FOCUSING ON WORK ALREADY DONE IN THE EC COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES BASED ON THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS (REF B). THOSE PROPOSALS (TRANSMITTED TO EUR/RPE, US UNIDO AND US OECD) WERE GENERALLY ACCEPTED AS GUIDANCE FOR THE EC DELEGATION, WHILE SPECIFIC POINTS ARE TO BE COORDINATED AMONG THE MEMBER STATES AND WITH THE COMMISSION DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. COMMISSION'S VIEW OF EC APPROACH: FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL DISCUSSION WE SPOKE WITH THE COMMISSION OFFICIAL, WHO, TOGETHER WITH HIS IRISH COLLEAGUES, WILL HEAD UP THE WORKING-LEVEL DELEGATION FROM THE EC. WE SUMMARIZED THE US POSITION BASED ON REFTELS C,D AND E AND ASKED FOR THE LATEST COMMISSION READING ON THE COMMUNITY'S INTENDED APPROACH TO THE LIMA MEETING. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE EC'S MAJOR OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO ACCENT COOPERATION AND AVOID CONFRONTATION. MUCH WILL DEPEND ON THE ATTITUDE OF THE LDC DELEGATIONS, BUT RECENT COMMISSION CONTACTS WITH LDC DELEGATIONS SUGGEST TO HIM THAT THERE IS SOME HOPE OF MODERATE VOICES BEING AT LEAST HEARD, THOUGH PROBABLY NOT PREVAILING. THE EC CAN ACCEPT THE G-77 DRAFT TEXT ONLY AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND AMENDMENT AND NOT AS A UNILATERAL LDC DECLARATION. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES HAVE VARIOUS DIFFICULTIES WITH PARTS OF THE PROPOSED EC POSITION, HOWEVER, WITH THE DUTCH WILLING TO CONCEDE MORE, THE BRITISH AND GERMANS RELUCTANT AND THE FRENCH SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN.

4. GROUP B SOLIDARITY: ON THE QUESTION OF COORDINATION AMONGST GROUP B, OUR COMMISSION CONTACT SAID HE LOOKS FORWARD TO THE GROUP B PREPARATORY SESSIONS BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 10. HE SEES THE PROPOSED EC APPROACH AS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION, WHICH WILL MOVE TO MEET SOME OF THE LEGITIMATE LDC CONCERNS WITHOUT PREJUDICING THE POSITION AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERESTS OF GROUP B. WHILE IT APPEARS THAT THE GENERAL OUTLINES OF THE EC'S POSITION MAY GO FURTHER ON SOME POINTS THAN THAT OF THE US, HE HOPES THAT THE COORDINATING SESSIONS AMONG GROUP B WILL REDUCE ANY PROBLEMS TO A MINIMUM.

5. EC DELEGATION: THE COMMUNITY DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED ON THE POLITICAL LEVEL BY KEATING (IRISH MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE) FOR THE MEMBER STATES AND

COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON (DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION) FOR THE COMMISSION. ON THE WORKING LEVEL, THE DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY AMBASSADOR O'S SULLIVAN (IRISH REP IN VIENNA) FOR THE MEMBER STATES AND DIETER FRISCH, DIVISION CHIEF FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY IN DG VIII FOR THE COMMISSION.

6. THE EC DELEGATION SHOULD FOLLOW STANDARD COMMUNITY PRACTICE--THE COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE WILL SPEAK FOR THE NINE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE COMMISSION, WHILE THE IRISH (CURRENTLY HOLDING THE PRESIDENCY OF THE EC COUNCIL) WILL SPEAK FOR THE NINE ON ALL OTHER ISSUES ON WHICH AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED. IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AGREED COMMUNITY POSITION EACH MEMBER STATE DELEGATION MAY PRESENT ITS OWN VIEWS. IN FACT, THIS ARRANGEMENT IS NOT AS CUMBERSOME AS IT APPEARS AND THE EC IS OFTEN ABLE TO FUNCTION AS A UNIT IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM US BY MARCH 7, IF POSSIBLE, THE MEMBERSHIP OF US DEL SO THAT WE MAY PASS THIS ON TO THE COMMISSION. GREENWALD

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